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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS



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COMEDIAN DIES AT 71

Legendary funnyman George Carlin died this week of heart failure. Known for his candid humor and foul mouth, Carlin will be missed by many.

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Because one person's ignorance can ruin the experience for everyone.

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Antonio Henton, red shirt sophomore from The Ohio State University, will be part of the Hatch Attack this coming fall.

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Election investigation results released

City Clerk receives letter of instruction, case forwarded to Attorney General

By Chris Buchanan

Managing Editor for News

Findings of a state elections board investigation into complaints received during the City of Statesboro's 2007 elections have been forwarded to the Attorney General's office to await possible prosecution according to a recent report released from the state elections board.

Minutes show that, during the same meeting that the board reviewed the case, members also voted 4 to 1 to send a letter of instruction to City Clerk, Judy McCorkle who was among two other complainants -- Candidate Nathan Queen and Elector Sandy Morris - who brought their issues to the election board.

The case, handled by Robert Conway, dealt with complaints of false information on voter registration cards, bar solicitation, and intimidation of voters at the polls during the city's November elections.

During the investigation of the false information, two persons, Jessica Madden and Mary Nicholson were found to have provided erroneous addresses on their voter registration cards.

Both Madden and Nicholson used the addresses of the residences they were visiting at the time they registered, but used their actual addresses when voting.

The investigation also found that allegations against other individuals -- David Carter, Stephen Waters, and

Wayne Chance -- for false addresses to be unfounded.

Also, no evidence of voter solicitation inside local bars Rum Runner's and Rude Rudy's were found, though the owners had agreed to allow registration tables to be set up outside the bars according to reports.

One bar owner which was unnamed in the report did, however, hire a limousine to carry voters to the polls, though no other incentives other than the ride -- alcohol or otherwise -- were brought to light during the investigation.

Employees of various bars were also active in attempting to register voters according to the report, but no evidence was found suggesting coercion or reward systems were used to influence registration. The report also found no witnesses who could give specifics on alleged gifting inside the GSU student community in exchange for votes or registration.

In addition, the report found no voters who specifically indicated that they were being intimidated by the police presence at various polling places in the city. However, at least one voter claimed that the presence of police at the entrances may have been intimidating to some and numerous witnesses did claim to see them checking identification at the entrances.

Police Chief Stan York stated that police presence was requested by Judy McCorkle and was used for



File Photo

Statesboro Police officers oversee voters, citizen and student alike, at the November elections in downtown Statesboro.

traffic control, crowd control, campaigning control, and to assist voters while entering the lobby area. The officers were considered to be on official duty during the event and were paid in the standard manner.

According to the report, additional complaints included one

candidate who disagreed with the age requirement for mayoral candidates and the fact that 854 of the Georgia Southern students who had registered to vote were being challenged. No further specific references to these two complaints were made.



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DHR urges Georgians to get tested

State organization recognizes National HIV Testing Day

Special to the G-A

In observation of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) on June 27, the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, wants residents across the state to get screened for HIV.

NHTD is an annual event that raises awareness about the importance of knowing one's HIV status and the need to get tested.

With Georgia ranking seventh in the nation for total number of persons living with HIV infection and sixth for AIDS cases in 2006, the Division of Public Health encourages all state residents to help reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS by getting tested and knowing their status.

"HIV testing, counseling and education are measures that help prevent the transmission of this disease," said Dr. Sandra Elizabeth Ford, acting director of the Division of Public Health.

"We want to capitalize on the importance of this day and urge those individuals who have had unprotected sex or shared needles to visit their local health department or private practitioner and get tested for HIV."

The Department of Human Resources coordinates a variety of free, voluntary HIV counsel-

ing and testing services across Georgia through collaborations with local health departments and community-based organizations.

The agency facilitated more than 125,000 HIV tests in 2006 with 1,986 HIV positive cases.

National HIV Testing Day is an annual campaign produced by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA-US) that encourages at-risk individuals to receive voluntary HIV counseling and testing.

Despite recent advances in treatment and prevention, HIV and AIDS remain leading causes of illness and death among individuals in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that an estimated one million Americans are

living with HIV and a quarter of these individuals are unaware of their infection. HIV testing provides people with an opportunity to know their status and take appropriate measures to protect their health and the health of others.

In observance of the day, the Department of Human Resources will also participate in NHTD events, alongside local health counterparts and community HIV/AIDS service providers, by providing health fairs and hosting testing-related events.

Education, wildlife projects announced for 2008

Special to the G-A

The topics vary from diamondback terrapins on Tybee Island to native plants in Atlanta. But the focus is the same: Help Georgians learn about and enjoy the wildlife around them.

The state Wildlife Resources Division recently approved 17 Nongame Educational and Watchable Wildlife projects for a total of \$59,539 in funding. The 10-year-old program supports efforts by private, public and nonprofit organizations to enhance wildlife education and viewing opportunities statewide.

Wildlife Resources awarded \$65,814 to projects through the competitive process last year. The total topped \$54,100 in 2006. The money comes from sales of the state's hummingbird and bald eagle license plates and the Give Wildlife a Chance state income tax checkoff, the two primary sources of income for the division's Nongame Conservation Section.

This year's projects, picked by a panel of nongame wildlife biologists and staff, include:

- Overhauling the diamondback terrapin exhibit and signage at Tybee Island Marine Science Center.

- Planting native plants as part of the education-oriented UrbanWatch Atlanta program at Fernbank Museum of Natural History.

- Creating a frogs exhibit at Georgia Southern University's Center for Wildlife Education that will be a springboard for programs and even research-related podcasts by students.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia will use the support it receives to install nest boxes, feeders and cover for neotropical migratory birds in a Shade and Native Flora Gardens area. In 2007, funding from the Nongame Educational and Watchable Wildlife Program helped the Athens garden start a native plants program that now has a waiting list and a growing lineup of volunteers willing to spread the word about Georgia's homegrown plant species.

Nongame Conservation Chief Mike Harris said the Wildlife Resources program extends conservation beyond what the division can do.

"We really appreciate all of the good work that local governments and nongovernmental organizations are doing, and this is our chance to work with them to achieve a common goal," Harris said.

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OPINIONS

...WHERE WE ARE CREATING THE "NO MORE APPLICATIONS" APPLICATION ON FACEBOOK.

Movie theater etiquette

Think back to the last great film you saw at the cinema. From there, move your mind back further to all the others; as far back as you can go. Movies can define very important periods of our lives in our memories. For me, 1989's "Batman" was my reason for living from ages 3-5. When Star Wars was re-released in theaters, I was enthralled for years.

For some, maybe even most of these memories, there accompanies a bad experience: someone talks during the film, answers their phone, or lets their kid run around the theater. It's these people that ruin the cinematic experience for everyone, possibly marring lifetime memories in the making.

Having worked at a theater for the past two years, I have seen the entire spectrum of theater misbehavior, and I hope that by pointing out some of the no-no's, some of you will correct your ways and help everyone in the future have a more pleasurable experience.

The biggest problem in movie theaters today is cell phone use. No matter how many times the screen says "turn it off," people continue to leave them on, and at full volume, no less. The devices not only cause sound pollution and distraction, but the bright screen instantly destroys everyone's night vision in the dark theater.

If you or your call are so important that you can't be out of contact for two hours, don't go to the movie. They'll leave a voicemail if it's urgent. Or better yet, go outside and answer it.

Secondly, the audience is paying ten dollars for a ticket and buying overpriced concessions to watch actors dialogue on screen. They do not care to hear your conversation. Again, if what you have to say is so important, go outside. And please, don't get offended if someone calls you out on it and asks you to be quiet. I once had to stop the film and break up a fist fight between an adult and a teenager because the kid pitched a fit about being told to quiet down. If you're paying for a movie, watch it.

Not that this applies to much of our readership, but it's my biggest pet peeve: don't bring young children to movies. Not

even kid movies. If they're 3 or younger, I guarantee you that they don't really know what's going on on the screen. They see flashing lights, loud noises, and scary bad guys. The peeve is that these kids start crying, and the parents insist on coddling and cooing the kids (which never works, incidentally) rather than taking them outside, away from the source of the crying.

This always gets the worst in the summer, when Pixar releases their newest hit. It happened with "Cars," it happened with "Ratatouille" and I promise it'll happen with "Wall-E" this weekend. The kids love the DVDs; do that. If they cry, you hit pause, grab a toy, and you're done. [note: if you are interested in seeing "Wall-E" yourself, go to the late show. It's your best bet to avoid all of this.]



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Lastly, I want you to know that I'm totally fine with bringing in your own drinks. I work at a theater and I do it everywhere, I'll admit. Concessions are overpriced (four dollars for a large coke? No thanks) and are sub-par to the local gas station's selection.

But do NOT leave them for employees to clean up. Not only is it rude, but selfish and inconsiderate.

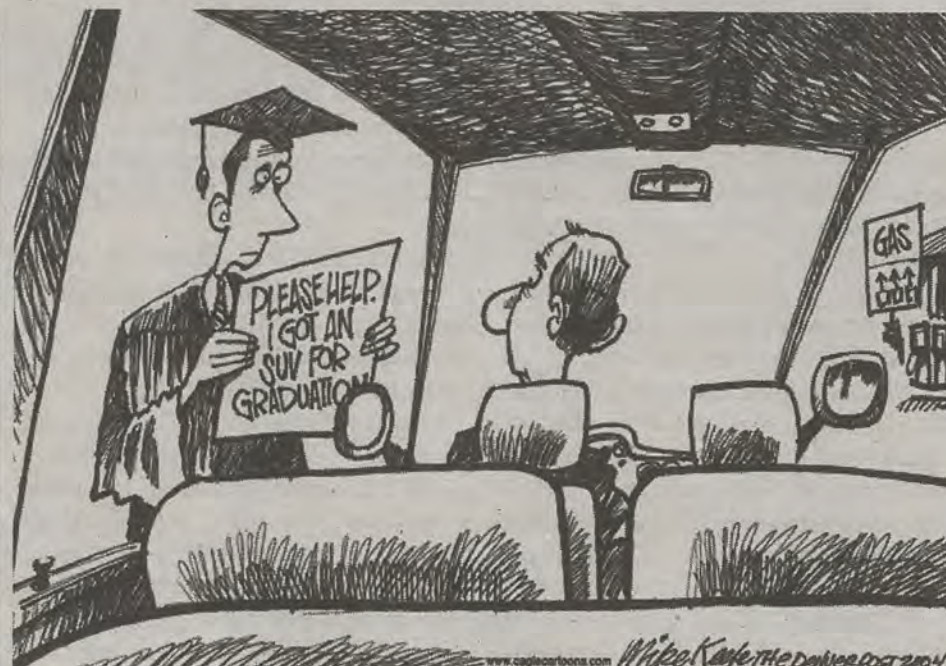
At least if you do buy something, it helps pay the employees to come in and clean (after every show, roughly 4 per screen a day) after the people who have already left their popcorn, drinks and candy strewn across the aisles, but sneaking your own stuff and leaving it is the prime example of a person who has no class or respect for other people.

For those of you who do buy concessions, think: would I leave a bag of popcorn or a soggy drink cup laying on my couch when I finish watching a movie? I would hope that you don't. Trash cans are strategically placed so that you pass at least four on your way out to your car; take advantage of them. Sure, the attendants get paid to clean up, but put yourself in their shoes, and be a little more considerate.

Now that you've got a few rules in your noggin (not that any of these weren't already obvious to a socially aware individual), try to follow them. It'll make for a more pleasurable viewing experience for everyone.

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Cagle cartoons

No, I do not accept!

I am exhausted from a long day of classes and work and head home for some R&R. I get to my apartment, turn on my computer and check my Facebook to see if I have any messages, wall posts, friend requests, etc.; only to find out I have none. However, there is one thing that I do see once I login, and it annoys me every time.

I am talking, of course, about Facebook applications. I am an avid Facebook user and would choose the social networking website any day over its rival, Myspace. The one thing that once set Facebook apart was the fact that it didn't concern itself with applications and customizations. Now the two sites are eerily similar with Facebook adapting many features from its counterpart like photo slideshows, top friends, and various other applications.

At first, I was a fan like many others but now I am just plain tired of how far this application business has gone. I will admit some of the apps are useful and fun to use like the aforementioned slideshows, that allow your friends to see your favorite photos without accessing your picture archive, or the bumper sticker app that is just hilarious. I know many students that spend boring nights searching through bumper stickers to send to their friends.

These apps I don't mind, but some of the other applications that I constantly get invited to are just plain ridiculous and unnecessary.

I don't see the point in comparing your friends to see which one is smarter or more likely to be a bum after graduation, and although I have the bartender app, I don't see the point in giving virtual drinks to your friends. I mean does it make you feel good about yourself that your friend Casey sent you a cyber pina colada?



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I write this column as a cry for help. I have recently counted the number of apps that I currently have on my Facebook and the figure is around 30. The sad thing is that to some people, this number is miniscule in comparison. I didn't even realize that I had that many apps and that is the problem in itself. Averaging around three app invites a day, sometimes I feel obligated to add apps because of the people sending them or for the sheer fact that I am just plain tired of getting the same invite every day so by adding the app I will have one less invite to worry about.

So next time you decide to send your friends an application remember this, you might want to show your support for your favorite professional football team but can you actually think of 20 other of your friends that give two licks? So as a final message to all you application junkies out there...most of us don't want to be zombies or pirates, we don't want to rate how hot you are on a scale of 1 to 10, and we are tired of getting sheep thrown at us. So keep that in mind next before you go invite crazy.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From UWire

Exoskeleton Suit to Protect Soldiers in Combat

When "Iron Man" comic book hero Tony Stark was kidnapped by terrorists and forced to build a weapon of mass destruction, he instead created a mechanical suit that gave him incomparable strength and the ability to fly.

Now University of Utah researchers have built a suit that will protect soldiers in combat by giving them increased strength and endurance.

"It's the same thing, but we don't quite have the glowing light thing in the chest or (the ability to) knock airplanes out of the sky," Jacobsen said. The suit will instead be used to reduce troop sizes and prevent casualties.

Stephen Jacobsen managed to create a prosthetic arm with a team of mechanical engineers at the University in 1983, and has finished constructing the full exoskeleton suit.

The suit, which moves when muscles interact with built-in electrodes, could replace a group of people engaged in tasks such as carrying water or supplies.

"What you want to do is reduce the number of people in combat," Jacobsen said. "You

can have less people out there and be more agile."

The original prosthetic arm has been fitted for injured Iraq war veterans since it was first built.

"It's like a big power device," Jacobsen said. "You put it on and it basically senses where you want to move and it moves there."

Raytheon Sarcos personnel would not reveal the cost of the project, but according to an article in Popular Science the exoskeleton is a part of a seven-year, \$75-million program supported by the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency for the Department of Defense.

If it's a success, it won't only be used by the military, Jacobsen said. He envisions the exoskeleton being used in hospitals, safely carrying patients and helping those who are paralyzed. It could also one day be used in firefighting and construction.

University researchers and interns in biomechanics, kinematics, computer science and engineering contributed to the project.

NATIONAL NEWS

Retired clergy to perform gay marriages

By Jennifer Garza

McClatchy Newspapers

More than 80 retired Northern California clergy from the United Methodist Church are offering to perform same-sex marriages, saying they want to help out active ministers who would risk more severe consequences for presiding over these ceremonies.

Church law forbids clergy — both active and retired — from performing gay marriages.

"We're willing to challenge the injustice and contradictions of this," said the Rev. Don Fado, retired pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento.

As California enters its second week of legalized gay marriage, faith leaders are mobilizing to either fight the unions or support them.

During the annual meeting for the California-Nevada conference of United Methodists, 82 ministers — including 20 from the Sacramento area — agreed to perform same-sex marriages.

Supreme Court rejects death penalty for child rape

By Michael Doyle

McClatchy Newspapers

A closely divided Supreme Court on Wednesday prohibited states from executing those who rape children but don't kill their victims, retaining limits on the death penalty that have been in place for more than 30 years.

In a 5-4 decision, the court concluded that Louisiana had violated the Eighth Amendment in making the rape of a child younger than 12 a capital offense. The ruling blocks other states that have been considering similar punishment.

"There is a social consensus against the death penalty for child rape," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority, adding that "the death penalty is not a proportional punishment for the crime."

Kennedy's reasoning largely followed an influential 2005 court opinion he also authored prohibiting the execution of juveniles, as well as a 2002 opinion prohibiting the execution of the mentally retarded. The court's underlying notion is that "evolving standards of decency" can restrict practices that once were widespread.

"Decency, in its essence, presumes respect for the individual and thus moderation or restraint in the application of capital punishment," Kennedy wrote.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer joined Kennedy. The majority stressed that their ruling didn't necessarily undercut use of the death penalty in other nonfatal crimes, including treason or espionage.

The court's newest justice, Samuel Alito, wrote in dissent that "the court has provided no coherent explanation" for the death-penalty limits. He was joined by Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

"I have little doubt that, in the eyes of ordinary Americans, the very worst child rapists... are the

epitome of moral depravity," Alito wrote.

Patrick Kennedy is one of only two men in the United States who are on death row solely for the crime of rape. The other child rapist facing execution, Richard Davis, also is in Louisiana.

Kennedy, as his attorneys point out in legal filings, has an IQ measured at 70, "which resides in the mentally retarded range." Now in his mid-40s, Kennedy dropped out of school after the eighth grade. He had a prior criminal record for writing false checks.

In 2003, a Louisiana jury found him guilty of raping his 8-year-old stepdaughter. When police found her, she was wearing only a T-shirt and was wrapped in a bloody blanket. A pediatric forensic-medicine specialist reported her injuries were "the most severe he had seen from a sexual assault in his four years of practice."

The stepdaughter, identified only as "L.H." in court proceedings, originally had attributed the 1998 rape to a neighborhood boy. About a month later, she changed her story and accused Kennedy.

The last time an American was executed for rape was in 1964. In a 1977 case involving the rape of a married 16-year-old girl, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty for a crime that didn't involve death violated the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits "cruel and unusual punishment."

Led by Louisiana, some states subsequently identified a potential loophole in the 1977 case and began allowing the death penalty for the rape of younger children.

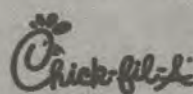
Five other states besides Louisiana permit the death penalty for child rape, including Georgia, South Carolina and Texas. Unlike Louisiana, these other states limit the death penalty to cases in which the rapist has a prior record of sexual violence.

"The fact that only six states have made child rape a capital offense is not an indication of a trend," Kennedy wrote.



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Summer Albums

By Phillip Clements

Al Green – Lay It Down

There's a reason that Al Green is synonymous with the term "mood music." His silky smooth voice and sultry demeanor combine to produce just the right atmosphere for a night of tender romance. At the age of 62, he hasn't lost it. With the help of the new generation of soul stars (Anthony Hamilton, Corinne Bailey Rae and John Legend), Green is able to stay relevant without compromising his classic style.

Key Track: "Take Your Time," a slow-cooked duet with Corinne Bailey Rae, finds two of the sweetest voices in the business cooing bed-side praises over the horn-and-string medley of yesteryear.

Gnarls Barkley – The Odd Couple

The twisted duo embraces their frantic sense of style with a collection of songs just as eclectic and sonically brilliant as those on their hit debut album "St. Elsewhere." However, the pair bypasses the urge to recreate the successful pop frenzy of "Crazy" and instead visits the dark side with Cee-lo's disciplined voice haunting the room as Danger Mouse's distorted and funky loops keep you from escaping.

Key Track: "Charity Case" keeps your head bobbing throughout with a slinky bass line and layers of petite chimes while Cee-lo keeps you from feeling sorry for him.

My Morning Jacket - Evil Urges

My Morning Jacket is a band that has had a hard time finding their identity. They hail from Kentucky, were discovered by Dave Matthews and were joined on stage at Bonnaroo by Kirk Hammett of Metallica. Unlike their previous album, the highly experimental "Z," "Evil Urges" finds My Morning Jacket coming to grips with their schizophrenia and making the best of it. The band has a spectrum of sounds that extends further than most and is able to mix and match in a highly sophisticated manner that allows them to maintain their eclectic nature.

Key Track: "I'm Amazed" finds My Morning Jacket embracing their signature sound: distant vocals, country-tinged melodies, guitar-driven rhythms and a strong southern-rock guitar solo to finish it off.

Death Cab For Cutie – Narrow Stairs

Ben Gibbard is a storyteller. On the band's sixth album, Gibbard sings of the wildfires of California ("Grapevine Fires"), a marriage gone wrong ("Cath") and even the spirit of Jack Kerouac ("Bixby Canyon Bridge"). The music is more organic than ever, sounding less like masters of production and more like a band in a room with guitarist Chris Walla driving the songs along the midnight highway painted by Gibbard's words.

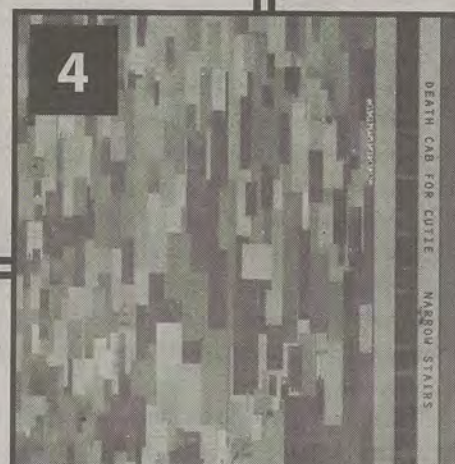
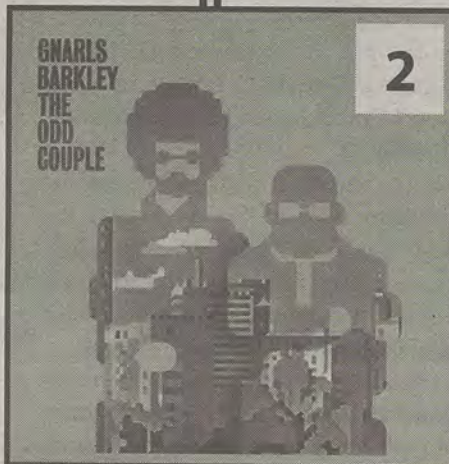
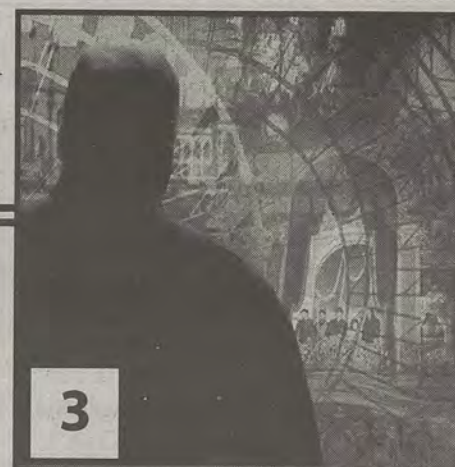
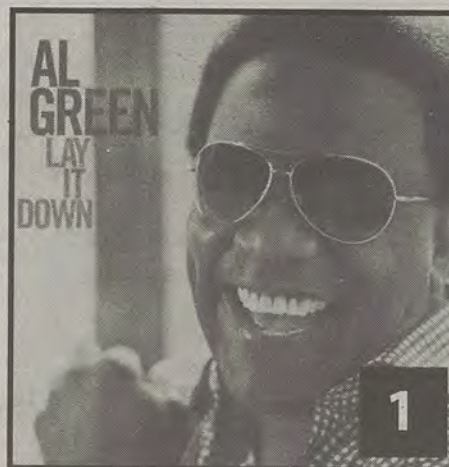
Key Track: "I Will Possess Your Heart," Death Cab's ode to a stalker-ish relationship that starts with a 4-minute psychedelic jam-session that earned them a spot at this summer's Bonnaroo.

Also released:

Lil' Wayne – Tha Carter III
Usher – Here I Stand
N.E.R.D. – Seeing Sounds
Weezer – Weezer (the Red Album)
Coldplay – Viva La Vida
Alanis Morissette – Flavors of Entanglement

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GM changes direction; closes plants

Company cites poor truck sales and rising prices for decision

By Chris Buchanan

Managing editor for news

With national gas prices now hitting an average of \$4.08 and local prices just tipping the four dollar mark, America's largest vehicle manufacturer, General Motors, announced earlier this month that it would close four plants to cut costs and move in a new direction for the future.

This direction, for the most part, will not include large trucks and sport utility vehicles.

To further drive this point home, GM is also in the early stages of off-loading the Hummer brand onto another company.

These decisions come on the heels of a \$3.3 billion loss in the first quarter of 2008 according to GM earnings reports and continued turmoil from within with the United Auto Workers Union.

"Obviously, most trucks segments were weak across the industry - and we were no exception," said Mark Laneve vice president, GM North America Vehicle Sales, Service and Marketing in a statement to investors.

"Today's production adjustment announcement at the annual GM shareholders meeting shows that we are intent on increasing

car and crossover production and leveraging our competitive position for the economic recovery while acknowledging the impact of a challenging economic environment on truck sales," he added.

The plants that were closed in Mexico, Canada, and the United States were each manufacturing sites for General Motors' flagship trucks including among others, the GMC Envoy, and Chevrolet Silverado.

GM's move toward fuel efficiency has been most notable in their latest advertising

campaign, "Gas Friendly to Gas Free" where they also list various gasoline alternatives such as the fuel cell.

GM's drastic move away from the truck market has also gotten some local attention from GM customers.

"That would probably be a problem for me," junior civil engineer major Chance Flanders said. "I do a lot of towing trailers."

Flanders said that he still holds out hope for the truck market and the spread of flex-fuels to counter costs, but believed that GM's decision was smart economically and wouldn't be the end of the truck market entirely.

Flanders currently pays approximately \$100 for a tank of gas in his Silverado.

"...We are intent on increasing car and crossover production and leveraging our competitive position..."

- Mark Laneve
GM North America Vehicle Sales, Service and Marketing

GSU makes 'House Calls' to new EIP students

Students, faculty, and staff visit Eagle Incentive Program Students for annual house warming

By Ashley Dunn

Guest writer

A freshman sits in a dorm room and hears a knock on the door. On the other side of the door stands their professor. Surprise!

This is what the GSU Housing Department's "House Calls" is all about.

"House Calls is a chance for faculty and staff to welcome freshman and get to know the new additions to campus," said Julia Tipton, Student Development Specialist for GSU Housing.

'House Calls', a program designed by GSU Housing, concentrates on GSU freshman and their transition to college and the new environment that it entails. Student volunteers, faculty, and staff participate by visiting students in their dorms and talking to them about college life and how they are adjusting thus far.

First-time student volunteer, Natadra Barr explains, "I decided to volunteer so I could welcome the students and meet new people."

Prior to the visiting portion of the evening, everyone volunteering goes through a short

training session. Though the majority of the 2008 freshman arrives in August for fall semester, Eagle Incentive Program (EIP) students are the focus of 'House Calls' this month.

"I'm sure they don't get to know anyone or see new faces," said Barr.

EIP is a program that gives provisional incoming freshman an opportunity to start and pass college courses early in order to become fully accepted students in the fall. These students started class Monday and moved into their dorms on June 20th, one day before their SOAR orientation.

"I think that it's [House Calls] a good idea," said Deneen Hayes, an EIP student. "Some students could be having problems adjusting and it's easier to talk to someone when they come to you."

At the conclusion of the evening all volunteers report back to the housing staff. Any questions, concerns or issues that students have are brought to the attention of housing to be addressed and discussed.

Anyone that would like to participate in the future or would like more information may contact Julia Tipton at 912-478-5406.



A scene of last year's freshmen 'House Calls' from left: Lashica Thomas helps new students Ben Wardau and Matt Fober get settled in at Eagle Village.

Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Georgia Southern to close off campus parking lot

Plans underway to turn part of Herty Drive into pedestrian extension

By Chris Buchanan

Managing Editor for News

A new phase in the ongoing campus renovations may mean a change in parking for some campus faculty and staff.

"This will cause some inconvenience as construction moves forward, but will greatly improve this area of campus," said Parking and Transportation Administrative Director Bob Chambers in a release to the campus community.

Beginning next week, Georgia Southern University will be extending the pedestrian near the Russell Union and the Williams Center through to the Hollis parking entrance.

This will effectively cut-off parking behind the Williams Center -- which will be blocked off for construction by June 30.

The roadway beyond Hollis will also be shutdown to regular traffic by June 1, but will still be accessible to delivery and emergency vehicles.

Though Hollis will become the primary parking area for displaced faculty and staff, overflow parking will also be available behind the biology and math-physics buildings adjacent to the union, in front of Hanner in Lot 21 and in front of Hanner complex according to the release according to the release.

For those needing to make quick visits to that that side of campus there will also be thirty minute parking areas set up in the Hollis lot

near Anderson Hall. These will be primarily put in place for students using printing services which are located in the Williams Center.

Handicapped parking will also be moved to the visitor lot behind the campus alumni house for anyone who needs access to the biology or math-physics buildings.

Additionally, one space will be put in place behind the administration building to accommodate those needing access to the Williams Center.

For more information on the pedestrian project or help with special needs stemming from the project, contact Parking and Transportation at 478-7275.

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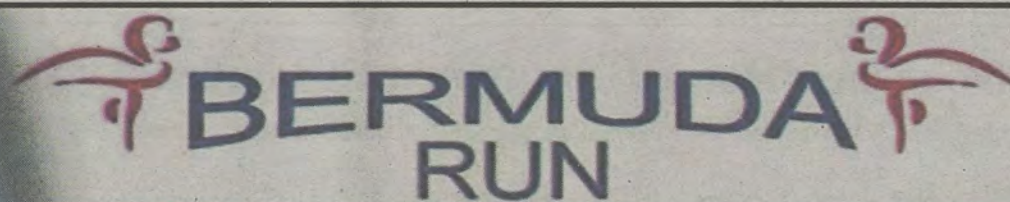
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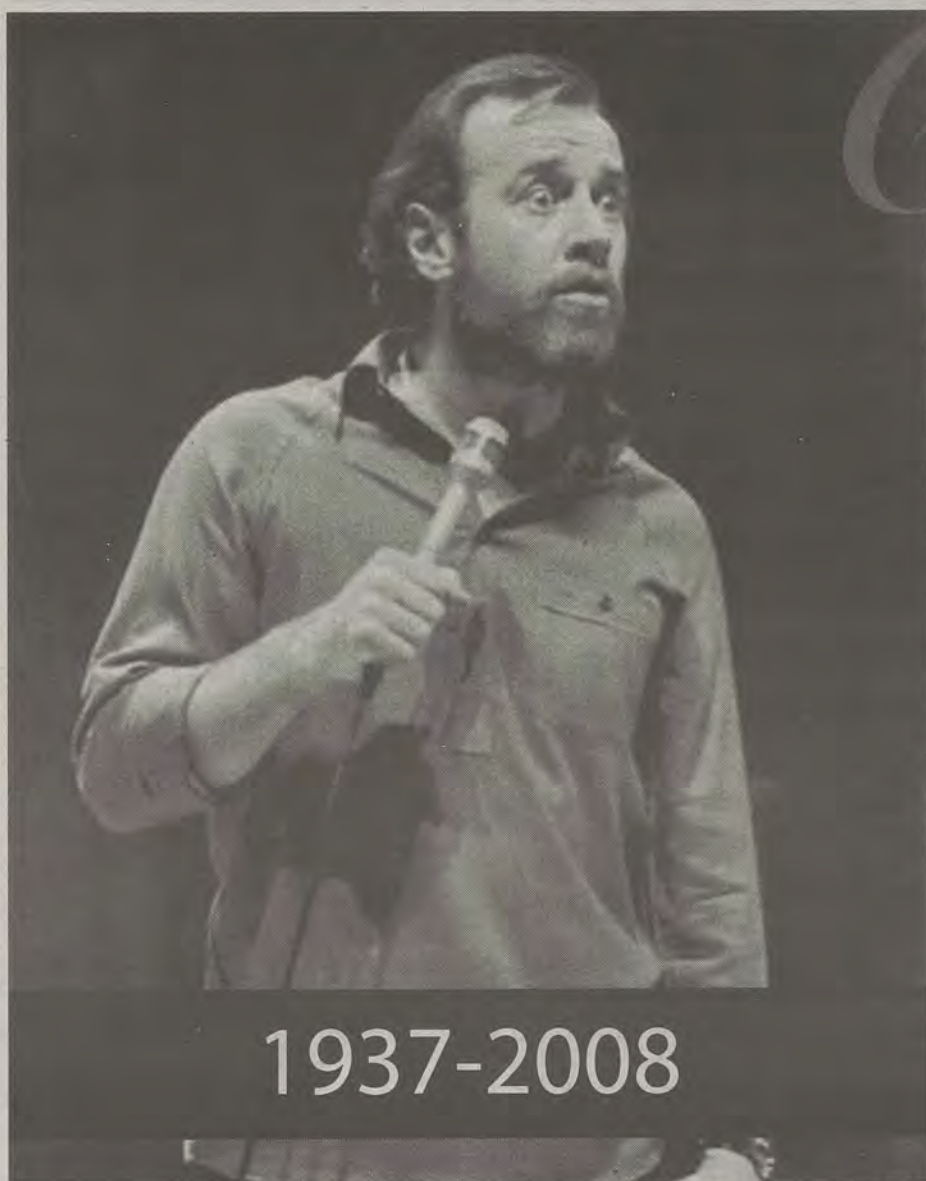
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I was maybe ten years old when I first heard George Carlin's comedy. We were on a long car ride and my older brother handed me a CD case with a grey-haired man that had a "Parental Advisory: Explicit Lyrics" sticker stamped across his mouth.

By Phillip Clements I popped the discs in my walkman and the first thing I heard was this animated speaker blasting through a well-calculated list of euphemisms, clichés and other soft or vague words and phrases. He then went on to wage assault on a array of topics: cancer, dogs, things you never hear or see, life support and even the "lighter side" of rape.

Since then, I have listened to and watched anything I could get my hands on. Carlin's unique perspective on the world and his keen eye for observation matched with his superior command of language resulted in a sense of humor that is highly intelligent and greatly profound. I listened to his comedy albums, saw him in movies like "Dogma" and "Car Wash" as well as his 13 HBO specials that spanned from 1977 to 2008. I scrounged the internet for any transcripts

from performances and recordings I didn't have and learned about his history.

Born on May 12, 1937 in New York City, George Carlin was raised by a single mother in the neighborhood of Morningside Heights. He eventually dropped out of school and joined the Air Force but did not finish his enlistment, being discharged as an "unproductive airman" after a number of court martials due to his insubordination and contempt for authority. He quickly jumped into a career in comedy, teaming up with Jack Burns and moving to California in 1960.

In California, Carlin became a frequent guest on television shows such as The Ed Sullivan Show and the Tonight Show. He made his name with a witty brand of observational humor and by utilizing characters such as The Indian Sergeant, Stupid Disc Jockey and Al Sleet the

Cardinal of comedy

Comedian George Carlin dies at 71



Special Photo

Hippy Dippy Weatherman ("Tonight's forecast: Dark. Continued dark throughout most of the evening, with some widely-scattered light towards morning.")

After witnessing the comedy of Lenny Bruce in the mid-60s, Carlin discovered his desire to push the limits of what could be said and discussed. He also radically changed his appearance from the traditional comedian look, clean cut and wearing a suit, to a long-haired, bearded hippy with faded jeans and an earring. He quickly became one of the most popular comedians of his generation, even hosting the first episode of Saturday Night Live in 1975. This counterculture image would stay with him for the rest of his life as he constantly challenged the status quo and questioned those in authority.

Carlin's comedy themes changed over the years. His earlier stuff was highly observational and quirky, often playing off of the drug culture of his generation. His most famous routine from the early days is "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television" or "Seven Dirty Words", in which Carlin riffs on the concept of "bad language" and explores many of these "bad" words in depth.

His later material became more controversial, covering topics such as war, murder, rape, corruption and natural disasters. He was also openly critical of religion, referring to it as the "greatest bullshit story ever told." He even invented his own mock religion, Frisbeetarianism, in which followers believe that when a person dies "his or her soul gets flung onto a roof and

just stays there."

Carlin's affinity for language even resulted in a Supreme Court Case. In 1973, a man complained that his son heard Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words" routine on the radio and the FCC charged the radio company for broadcasting obscene material. The case went to the Supreme Court, which found that the routine was "indecent but not obscene" and that the FCC had the right to prohibit such material during the hours that children are likely to be in the audience.

George Carlin was also one of the hardest working men in the business. He honed his routines by writing down every single thought that came to his head and then road-testing them night after night with the goal of whittling down the tightest and most powerful hour of material he could muster. He worked on that hour of material for a year or two until it was time for his next HBO special, after which he would throw away the material and start fresh. On Comedy Central's Top 100 Comedians countdown, Carlin placed at number 2 right before Lenny Bruce and after Richard Pryor.

On June 22, Carlin was admitted to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California after complaining of chest pains. He died later that day of heart failure at the age of 71. He didn't pass away, he didn't expire, he didn't have a terminal episode, it wasn't a negative patient-care outcome or a therapeutic misadventure. He died, and he will be missed.

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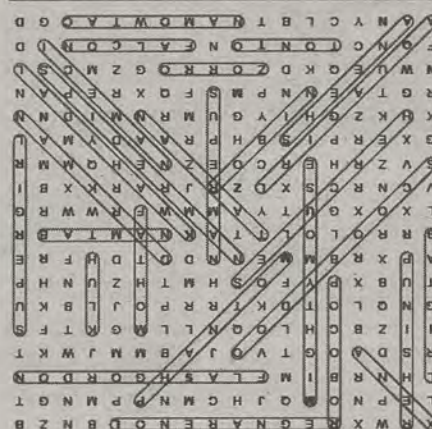
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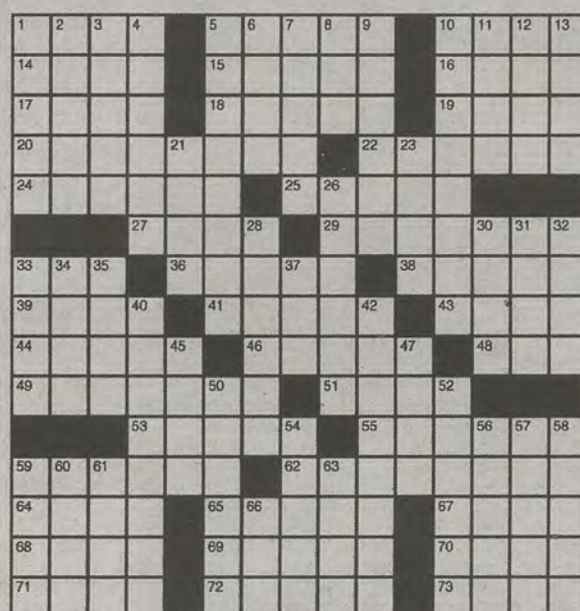
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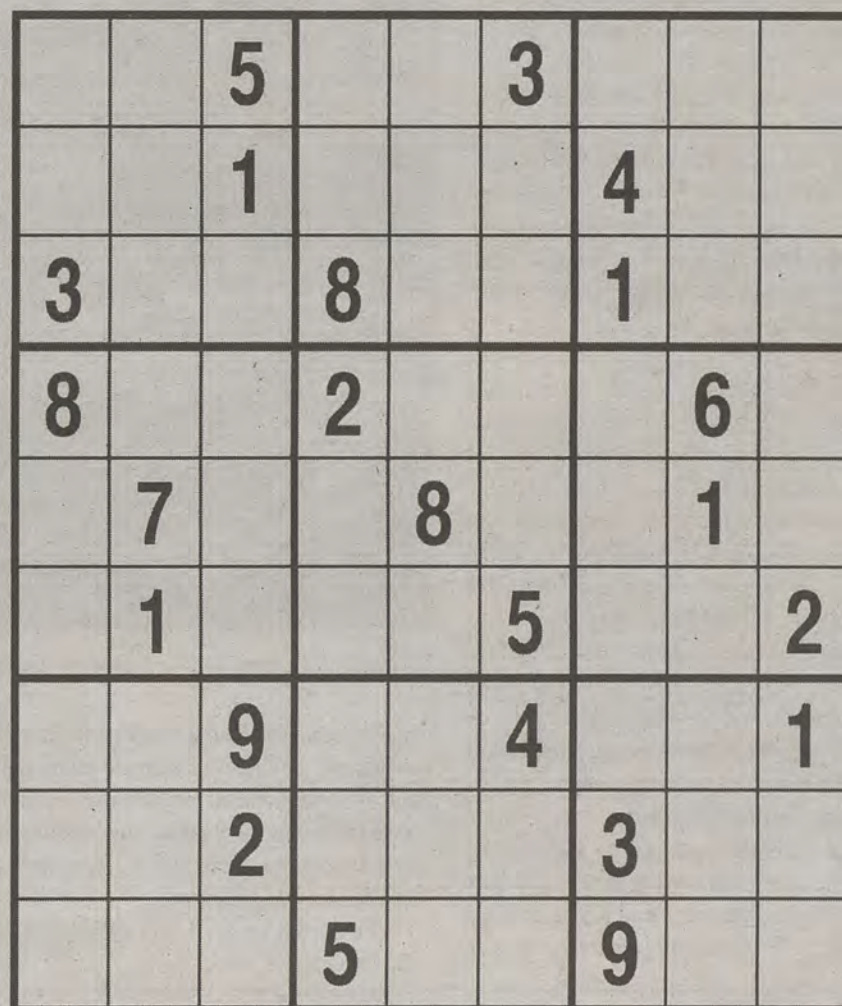
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Men's Soccer Announces 2008 Schedule

GSU News Service

Third-year Georgia Southern head men's soccer coach Kevin Kennedy unveiled the slate for the 2008 campaign, highlighted by a tough non-conference and conference schedule that includes nine games played at Eagle Field.

The Eagles will face three defending conference champions and three contenders from the 2007 NCAA tournament.

But unique to this year's slate is the absence of a regular season tournament.

"Last year we played so many games at the beginning of the season in such a short period of time that we wanted to try to space out the matches a little bit," said Kennedy. "We had a couple tournament invitations, but we just never found anything that would work for our schedule."

Though the games are spaced further apart this year, the Eagles will commence the regular season with no less than a challenging trio of road games, battling Tulsa, Clemson and Campbell.

"Campbell won the Atlantic Sun tournament last year and lost in the national tournament to Furman. So right out of the gate we have three pretty big games right there."

Georgia Southern will then return home to Statesboro to commence a five-game homestand. First, the Eagles will play host to three non-conference opponents in North Florida, Jacksonville and USC Upstate. Then Georgia Southern enters the SoCon portion of the slate.

"That will be three games to get acclimated at home, then obviously two big games right there versus Elon and Furman," said Kennedy. "Elon finished tied for third in the conference last year,



Jared Siri

The Eagles won 1-0 in a game against North Florida last season

while Furman won both the conference and the tournament. So there's three home games right there to get us prepared for Elon and Furman."

Games versus the Phoenix and Paladins are scheduled for Oct. 4 and Oct. 7, respectively at Eagle Field.

With the SoCon portion of the schedule in

full swing, the Eagles will then hit the road to clash with Appalachian State and College of Charleston.

The remainder of the schedule alternates home and away matches, sprinkled with a pair of non-conference match-ups.

On Oct. 17, the Eagles will entertain Gardner-

Webb before taking a week off. After the break, GSU will travel north to Wofford in an Oct. 25 game in Spartanburg, S.C. Three days later, the Eagles will play host to Mercer to close out the month.

A road trip to Davidson will kick off the new month and then the Eagles close out the regular season entertaining UNC Greensboro at Eagle Field.

"I think the conference gets better and better each year," said Kennedy, noting some coaching changes within the league.

With anticipation and excitement, Kennedy and the Eagles look forward to the challenges that lie ahead, counting each non-conference match as an opportunity to help prepare for the conference games, which, in turn, will prepare for the league tournament.

"We have nine home games including an exhibition against Georgia State. Being able to play eight games at home is pretty exciting. And then our non-conference opponents with teams of Tulsa's, Campbell's and Clemson's caliber, and Jacksonville and North Florida are always competitive. USC Upstate, Gardner-Webb and in-state rival Mercer are always good opponents. It's a competitive schedule. We're excited about it. We hope these out-of-conference games are going to prepare us for Southern Conference matches."

A top-four finish upon completion of the regular season will guarantee a home game in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament. For those teams that advance, the semifinal and final matches will be played at Alumni Stadium in Davidson, N.C. on Nov. 14 and 16.

Coach Callihan to be Volleyball head coach

GSU News Service

Chad Callihan, a former Southern Conference 'Coach of the Year', has been hired as the new head volleyball coach at Georgia Southern University.

Director of Athletics Sam Baker announced the hiring Tuesday (Jan. 22).

"When we started the search, we wanted our next coach to have the enthusiasm, energy and proven track record to turn our program around. Chad exhibits all those qualities," said Baker. "He knows our history here at Georgia Southern and is a well-known name in the SoCon as well. I am excited about what Chad brings to our program."

Callihan owns a 120-76 career record in six years as a head coach — four years at Ap-

palachian State University and two at Radford University.

Not only have his teams succeeded on the court, they did so in the classroom as well.

All four of his Mountaineer teams received the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award.

He joins the Eagles after spending the 2007 campaign as an assistant coach at the University of Georgia. He helped with the Bulldogs' turnaround, turning a 6-25 record in 2006 to a 17-13 overall mark last fall.

Callihan is no stranger to facing Georgia Southern and competition in the Southern Conference, posting an .814 league winning percentage (57-13) during his tenure at App State. The 2004 SoCon 'Coach of the Year', Callihan led the Mountaineers to consecutive

North Division championships (2003 and 2004), two regular season runner-up finishes and two appearances in the Tournament Championship match ('04 and 2005).

The seventh head coach in App State history, he quickly turned that program around.

After getting off to a 2-10 start his first year, Callihan and the Mountaineers won 14 of their last 21 matches to finish 16-17 overall and a North Division-best 13-5 record. A victory in the 2003 conference tournament marked the program's first postseason win in six years.

Prior to his time at Appalachian State Callihan worked four years at Radford University, the last two as head coach. The Highlanders posted a 24-7 record and captured the Big

South Conference regular season title.

That year Radford rattled off 23 consecutive victories, the longest winning streak in the nation, and finished a perfect 14-0 in the BSC.

The Highlanders were ranked as high as sixth in the East Region.

Callihan spent three seasons as the head coach at Radford High School in Radford, Virginia, leading his team to their first regional appearance in 13 years and earning District Coach of the Year honors.

His coaching experience also includes coaching the Yokota Air Base women's volleyball team in Japan during his four years in the United States Air Force.

The squad consisted of former Division I student-athletes.

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QUOTE
of the week:

There is really no difference [between Hatcher and Tressel]. Both of them remind me of each other. Just, Coach Hatcher wears the cowboy boots and Tressel wears the vest.

Antonio Henton

QB core strengthens with Buckeye

Leighton Maher
Assistant Sports Editor

Georgia Southern University acquired Ohio State University quarterback Antonio Henton Mon. June 23.

Henton enrolled in classes and began working out with the team this week. He will be battling for the starting role with Kyle Collins and Lee Chapple.

Chapple was named starting quarterback going into fall by Head Coach Chris Hatcher following his strong performance in spring practice.

Last year, Henton saw limited playing time at OSU behind starting quarterback Todd Boeckman. Boeckman led the team to the BCS championship game last year.

His playing time would have been cut back even more this year since the Buckeyes signed prized quarterback recruit Tyrell Pryor.

In 2005, Henton lead Peach County High School to the AAA state title and won the 'Georgia Offensive Player of the Year' award for throwing for 2117 yards and 30 touchdowns. Coaching the team was Rance Gillespie, who is now the offensive coordinator for GSU.

According to Henton, Gillespie played an integral role in bringing him to GSU.

"I had been thinking about [transferring] for a couple of months right out of spring football, so I was talking to Coach Gillespie to see if he had a spot for me down here and last week everything finally went through," Henton explained.

At OSU, Henton played in only three games, completing 3 of 6 pass attempts for 57 yards and 1 touchdown while accumulating 41 yards rushing on 9 attempts. He was proclaimed as the next dual-threat star at quarterback following his years in high school.

Henton knows he will have to work his way up

on the GSU team and compete for a starting spot.

"I feel like I am just coming out of High School coming to Georgia Southern," Henton proclaimed. "I feel like I have to show the players that I'm not that big guy but just a normal person. I can bring a lot to the table, but I mean, I have to earn it. Nothing is going to be given."

When asked about the tradition of the yellow buses and Erk Russell Henton explained that he knew about it coming in but was introduced to it more by Coach Gillespie after arriving.

He made clear that he already knew of the yellow buses the team uses to travel to and from games and loves the idea.

"We will do good with Chappell and him together splitting the reps," said running back Chris Teal.

After redshirting his freshman year and playing very little his second, Henton will come to Georgia Southern with three years of eligibility remaining and is excited about the prospects the next three years bring.

When asked about the possibility of GSU's seventh National Championship, Henton answered, "I think if we can pull together as a team we can have three National Championships."

"We will do good with Chappell and him together splitting the reps," said running back Chris Teal. "[Henton] has the talent to be a great quarterback [He] just has to learn the system...and you can't forget Collins has a great chance to play also."

'HATCH ATTACK'

Hatcher answers questions regarding this years prospected season and upcoming transfers

Q: Who are the other transfers other than Henton?

A: Well we got Trey Dunmon from Georgia Tech. He started today, (an) offensive lineman that we are real excited about from Hawkinsville. Another local guy named Dylan Douglas from Jacksonville, he was a redshirt freshman at South Florida last season, (and) played a lot of special teams for them. And he's coming in today as well. So those are three guys that we hope can come in and have a chance to contribute to help our young Eagles out as we prepare for the upcoming season.

Q: Where will Henton be on the depth chart?

A: He's just like any other guy. He's coming in and having to compete for the starting job. He'll start out at the bottom of the depth chart just like any freshman that comes in and he'll have to work himself up the ladder if we want to play in that opener versus the University of Georgia. He understands that. If you're a competitor, if you're a football player, that's what you expect to happen whenever you go to a new place. We tell our team each and every year before we go recruit that we are always going after better players than what we've got. And next year we'll do the same thing. We feel like we got some good quarterbacks, it ought to be a good battle right there.

Q: What does getting a player of Henton's caliber means for Georgia Southern?

A: He's just like anybody else. We'll wait and see how he plays when he puts on the Blue and White. I haven't seen him play since high school. He got very limited reps at Ohio State. This is just a high profile signee that chose to come to Georgia Southern, and hopefully he will work out very well for us, but this fall camp will determine that.

OTHER TRANSFERS:

Other prospects that were just recently enrolled in classes at Georgia Southern include Junior Trey Dunmon center from Georgia Tech, as well as red-shirted defensive back from South Florida, Dylan Douglas. Both will have to compete for playing time.

Trey Dunmon:

Georgia Tech
Position: Offensive Lineman
Height: 6-4
Weight: 292
Hometown: Lilly, Georgia



Dylan Douglas:

South Florida
Position: Defensive back
Height: 5-11
Weight: 175
Hometown: Jacksonville, Fl.



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